Refugees in India

@3939—B. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of refugees who entered India from various countries such as Afghanistan and Sri Lanka as on 31st March, 1988 ;

(b) whether a number of them have refused to go back; if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether their stay in India is hitting the Indian economy and its peace and tranquality ;

(d) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(e) whether any action has been/is being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to send such refugees back to their respective countries to maintain economical balance of our country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

Special Laws for Drug Trafficking.

@@3939-C. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a set of special laws for the condign punishment of drug traffickers since the existing laws are full of lacunae and trials involve long process;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the nature of punishment inflicted upon drug traffickers in some Asian countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) An Ordinance for prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances has been promulgated on 4th July, 1988. Furthermore, a draft legislation to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotopic Substances Act, 1985 (61 of 1985) in certain areas to make it more effective is at an advanced stage of finalisation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Deterrent punishments (including capital punishment) are awarded for drug-related crimes in some Asian countries. A statement indicating the nature of such punishment in some of the Asian countries is annexed.

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